

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A disc brake unit comprising:
a disc brake including a protective shield;
a wheelshaft for a vehicle[[,]];
a brake disc ~~attached~~ coupled to to the wheelshaft; and
a brake yoke ~~with a pair of~~ coupled to the wheelshaft, the brake yoke having first and second brake supports, the first brake support having a first fastening element, and the second brake support having a second fastening element;
at least one fastening bracket having at least one end portion for fastening cooperation with respective fastening elements of the at least one brake support; and
~~the~~ a protective shield including means for fitting the shield adjacent to one side of, and at least partly covering plate for laterally[[,]] covering at least part of the brake disc, the protective plate having first and second major surfaces, the second major surface of the protective plate being attached to the at least one fastening bracket such that the first major surface of the a protective plate is situated at the brake disc, a fastening bracket which supports and fastened to the plate, the fastening bracket having end portions for fastening cooperation with fastening eyes in the brake supports wherein the protective plate and the at least one fastening bracket portion are separate elements which are united with each other.

2. (Currently Amended) A disc brake unit according to claim 1, wherein the at least one fastening bracket portion is bracket is made of pressed sheetmetal and is substantially U-shaped in cross-section.

3. (Currently Amended) A disc brake unit according to claim 1, wherein there are the fastening bracket portion is divided into two separate fastening brackets each having first and second ends, the first ends each having respective third fastening elements cooperating with a

respective fastening element of the first and second brake supports, such that the second ends of the fastening brackets are adjacent.

4. (Previously Presented) A disc brake unit according to claim 1, wherein the protective plate is a pressed sheetmetal part.

5. (Currently Amended) A disc brake unit according to claim 1, ~~wherein the protective plate has~~ further comprising reinforcing ribs which are pressed into it ~~the protective plate.~~

6. (Currently Amended) A disc brake unit according to claim 1, further comprising:
a protective housing~~[[,]]; and~~
peripherally distributed fastening regions in the protective plate for fastening cooperation with the protective housing, ~~and such that the protective housing is close to the other side of the brake disc and radially outside~~ at least part of the brake disc is located between the protective housing and the protective plate.

7. (Previously Presented) A disc brake unit according to claim 6, wherein the protective housing is a pressed sheetmetal part.

8. (Currently Amended) A disc brake unit according to claim 6, further comprising apertures located in the protective housing ~~between the protective plate and the protective housing for letting~~ allowing the circulation of air out during vehicle operation.

9. (Currently Amended) A disc brake unit according to claim 1, further comprising ~~upset rivets uniting~~ attaching the protective plate and the bracket portion to each other.

10. (Currently Amended) The disc brake unit claim 1, wherein ~~the brake supports have fastening eyes for the protective shield~~ brackets each extend along an outer periphery of the protective plate.

11. (Currently Amended) The disc brake unit according to claim [[11]] 1, ~~including~~
further comprising:

a lining holder coupled to the brake yoke; and

a main cover ~~which is~~ fastened to [[a]]the lining holding in the brake yoke holder.

12. (New) The disc brake unit according to claim 3, wherein an area of the second major surface of the protective plate is greater than an area of an adjacent surface of each of the fastening brackets.

13. (New) The disc brake unit according to claim 3, wherein the fastening brackets and the protective plates are C-shaped.

14. (New) The disc brake unit in claim 1, wherein the first and second fastening elements are fastening eyes.

15. (New) the disc brake unit in claim 14, wherein there are two separate fastening brackets each having first and second ends, the first ends each having a respective third fastening eye cooperating with a respective said fastening eye of the first and second brake supports, such that the second ends of the fastening brackets are adjacent.